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SUBJ: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: TURKISH PROPOSAL ON
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1. AKYAMAC, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON EVENING OF JANUARY 3 (JUST BEFORE BEGINNING OF FOUR DAY TURKISH HOLIDAY WEEKEND) GAVE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DRAFT OF TURKISH PROPOSAL ON CAPACITY PROCEDURES. HE SAID THAT IN ABSENCE OF REVISED DRAFT PROMISED BY WASHINGTON (PARA ONE, REF A) HE HAD PREPARED DRAFT INCORPORATING IDEAS HE PASSED ON TO MEADOWS FROM NEW YORK. TEXT OF NEW TURKISH DRAFT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

2. AFTER INITIAL PERUSAL OF DRAFT, E/COM COUNSELOR RAISED QUESTION ABOUT LAST SENTENCE IN SECTION 2(B)(3) OF TURKISH DRAFT AND ITS RELATED FOOTNOTE. DEALING WITH CONSULTATION TO REVIEW EXISTING SCHEDULES, THIS SECTION STATES THAT IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT SERVICES QUOTE SHALL BE OPERATED FOR SUBSEQUENT PERIODS AT A CAPACITY LEVEL TWO PERCENT LOWER THAN
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FOOTNOTE SAYS QUOTE ESTABLISHED BASE PERIOD LEVEL SHALL BE THAT LEVEL OF OPERATIONS IN EXISTENCE PRIOR TO THE LAST INCREASE BY THE AIRLINES CONCERNED END QUOTE. COUNSELOR, FOR CLARIFICATION, ASKED RATIONALE FOR GOING BACK TO LEVEL TWO PERCENT BELOW LEVEL IN EFFECT PRIOR TO LAST INCREASE BY THE AIRLINES. LONG DISCUSSION FOLLOWED WITH NO APPARENT CLARIFICATION. FINALLY, AKYAMAC ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PERHAPS LANGUAGE DID NOT SAY WHAT HE INTENDED. IT WAS AGREED THAT EMBASSY WOULD TRANSMIT TEXT TO WASHINGTON WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT AKYAMAC WOULD LOOK AT THIS POINT AGAIN AFTER HOLIDAY AND WOULD POSSIBLY REVISE LANGUAGE.

3. COUNSELOR ASKED IF AKYAMAC HAD BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE LANGUAGE HE HAD PROPOSED FOR USE IN ARTICLE REGARDING CAPACITY OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. AKYAMAC HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO OFFER ON THIS. HE SAID AGAIN THAT AS U.S. HAD DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING WORDING IN THIS ARTICLE THAT APPEARED TO DEPART FROM BERMUDA PRINCIPLES, HE HAD SUGGESTED USE OF SOME BROAD NO*-SUBSTANTIVE LANGUAGE LEAVING ISSUE TO BE TREATED IN SEPARTATE MEMORANDUM ON CAPACITY PROCEDURES. COMMENT: AKYAMAC IS OBVIOUSLY UNDER PRESSURE OF TIME AS HE EXPECTS TO DEPART FOR HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AT END OF JANUARY AND HE APPEARED DISPOSED TO LEAVE IT ON THIS BASIS. MACOMBER

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